

33. (New) The method according to claim 29, further comprising the step of:
 setting an axial insertion depth of the connecting piece into the valve housing
 by at least one lift-adjustment disk.

In The Abstract:

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--Abstract Of The Disclosure

A fuel injector, in particular an injector for fuel injection systems of internal combustion engines, has a valve-closure member that is actuated by a valve needle, the valve-closure member cooperating with a valve seat surface provided on a valve seat support to form a sealing seat, and a valve housing partially surrounding the valve seat support, the valve housing being joined to the valve seat support by a crimping connection. In this context, the valve seat support, axially stressed, is crimped to the valve housing.--.

Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 1-13, without prejudice, in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE00/00487, and adds new claims 14-33. The new claims do not add new matter to the application but do conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules.

The amendments to the specification and abstract are to conform the specification and abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules. The amendments to the specification and abstract do not introduce new matter into the application.

The underlying PCT application includes a Search Report dated June 20, 2000, a copy of which is submitted herewith.

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Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious, and useful. Consideration and allowance of the claims are requested.

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